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Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No. 10/815,613	Applicant(s) SILVERBROOK ET AL.	
	Examiner DANIEL A. HESS	Art Unit 2876	

All Participants:

(1) DANIEL A. HESS.

(2) Kia Silverbrook.

Date of Interview: 16 December 2008

Status of Application: _____

(3) _____.

(4) _____.

Time: 4:00 pm

Type of Interview:

☐ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description: _____.

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

n/a

Claims discussed:

24

Prior art documents discussed:

n/a

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

/Daniel A Hess/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2876

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The examiner explained by email to pro-se inventor Kia Silverbrook (Mr. Silverbrook, who is based in Australia, has approved of email correspondence with the PTO) the necessity of amending claim 24 in a manner similar to claim 1, to clearly recite that both product identity code on a product item and user identity code on an identity card are sensed by the scanning device scanning across an opening of the shopping receptacle, both of these data being sent to a computer system. Without this amendment the claim recites these two data reads in the alternative. In an email response, the Mr. Silverbrook approved of such an examiner's amendment.